

SFA Modernization Partner Project LEGACY CONTRACT TRANSITION PLAN

Post-secondary Education Participants System (PEPS)



Part 1 System Write-up

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS SYSTEM (PEPS)

CHANNEL:	Schools
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CONTRACTOR:	CBMI
CONTRACT NUMBER:	PM-95-1110-01
CONTRACT AWARD DATE:	February 28, 1995
CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:	August 31, 2000
ANNUAL CONTRACT COSTS:	\$3.5 million

PEPS was created as a replacement for the Institutional Data System (IDS) and was implemented in phases until completed in Spring, 1995. Numerous updates and enhancements have been developed over the life of the contract with the latest module – the Direct Loan Module completed during 1999.

PEPS is a client-server, relational database system. The PEPS database is SFA's management information system concerning the entities, which participate in the Title IV programs. PEPS maintains no student information.

PEPS FUNCTIONS

PEPS School, Lender, and Guarantor Information: Schools originate in PEPS. Applications are only accepted through the PEPS website (100% electronic application). There are currently 600 screens of data on PEPS. Lenders and Guarantors originate in FFEL, but their entire participation data with SFA is maintained in PEPS.

PEPS was created to be the "cradle-to-grave" system for schools, Lenders and Guarantors. PEPS maintains eligibility, certification, demographic and financial information on all schools, lenders, and guarantors participating in the Title IV programs. It maintains all review and CPA audit data for all schools, lenders, and guarantors and also warehouses all school, lender, and guarantor cohort default rates and their history.

PEPS is the management information system for the SFA School Channel and Financial Partners, and is used by the other SFA Channels.

WHO USES PEPS:

All of SFA, including the regions, and the 37 guarantors, update PEPS, additionally, all domestic and foreign schools provide data to PEPS via its web application function. The OIG, OPE, GAO, School Accreditors, State Licensers, and State Departments of Education view and use the data in PEPS.

PEPS INTERFACES TO OTHER SYSTEMS:

PEPS provides school data to NSLDS, RFMS, FFEL, CAMPUS BASED, and the Direct Loan Systems (DLO, Consolidation and DLS), OCFO, NCHELP (lenders, SERVICERS, and guarantors),

as well as three data management and analysis systems (DRCC, Risk Analysis, AND CMIS (Case Management Information System)).

ANNUAL CONTRACT COST – OFSA FUNCTION PERCENTAGES

The annual contract costs for PEPS are approximately \$3.5 million. The approximate percentages and annual cost for the base OFSA functions (as outlined in the OFSA Contracts/functions Matrix) are as follows:

Financial Partners	20%	\$.70 million
Customer Service – Schools	70%	\$2.45 million
Analytical/ Management Support	10%	\$.35 million

PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

The PEPS program office plans various user enhancements all through calendar year 2000.

PROBLEMS

- The ID/IQ contract for PEPS services cannot be extended beyond August 31, 2000.

PLANS

PEPS is currently drafting a statement of work for a contract to be issued under the GSA Schedule or some other GWAC. The resulting contract will provide for maintenance support (enhancements) of PEPS and will provide coverage through December 31, 2003.